

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DENNIS HOWARD,  
Petitioner,

v.

DAVID PITKINS, et al.,  
Respondents.

CIVIL ACTION

NO. 14-2436

**FILED**

SEP 18 2018

KATE BARKMAN, Clerk  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Dep. Clerk

**ORDER**

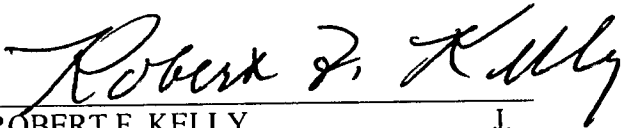
AND NOW, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, upon careful and

independent consideration of the pleadings and available state court records, and after review of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge David R. Strawbridge, it is

**ORDERED** that:

1. The Report and Recommendation is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**;
2. The petition for a writ of habeas corpus is **DENIED AND DISMISSED**;
3. A certificate of appealability **SHALL NOT** issue, in that the Petitioner has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right nor demonstrated that reasonable jurists would debate the correctness of the procedural aspects of this ruling. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); and
4. The Clerk of the Court shall mark this case **CLOSED** for statistical purposes.

BY THE COURT:

  
ROBERT F. KELLY, J.